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Left Hand / Tall Bull Road Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting



Gov. Reggie Wassana, Dept. of Transportation Executive Director Angela Blind-Plumley, President of Hammerstone Construction Group Kyle Spottedhorse, Arapaho District 1 Legislator Diane Willis, along with guests and attendees, slice the red ribbon officially opening the new streets, parking lots and sidewalks for all to enjoy. (Photos / Rosemary Stephens)



During the ribbon cutting ceremony Gov. Reggie Wassana said when he looks around at all the sidewalks and improvements he couldn't help but think how fun it would be to be 7 or 8 years old on a skateboard and go forever, riding these sidewalks.

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

(CONCHO, OK) Left Hand / Tall Bull Road Improvement Project ribbon cutting ceremony marks the completion of a major infrastructure / beautification project in Concho, Okla.

The ceremony, held Thursday May 19 at the Concho Head Start parking lot area, featured a first-hand look at the pedestrian sidewalks weav-

ing up and around the Concho Headquarters and three new concrete parking areas.

"I just want to say we have to keep moving forward. If you're not moving forward, you're standing still and you won't get anywhere standing still. One of the things I try to instill in everybody is we need to keep growing and looking forward ... looking at what we can do for the future generations. We all may not always be here to enjoy these things, but hopefully those relatives of ours who are younger, they can come and enjoy these things. I appreciate everybody who had a part in this project, and hopefully we get a few more ribbon cuttings pretty soon," Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana said.

The Left Hand / Tall Bull Road Improvement Project included improved road conditions to six community streets throughout Concho, including Left Hand Avenue, Tall Bull Road, White Antelope Road, Whirlwind Road, Little Raven Drive and Yellow Bear Road, and the installation of new pedestrian sidewalks throughout. It also included three concrete parking lots and improved drainage structures for the Head Start facility, the Operations & Maintenance facility and the Legislative offices.

"I am really proud of this project and one of the things I'm really proud of is how we kept these federal dollars we

are receiving under our grants in house, employing our own tribal people to do the work," Angela Blind-Plumley, executive director of the Dept. of Transportation said.

The Dept. of Transportation (DOT) entered a Memorandum of Acceptance (MOA) with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Development Corporation's Hammerstone Construction Group LLC to complete the work on this project in March 2019. The final inspection was conducted in February 2022.

"We're very proud and honored to be a part of this great project we call Concho Streets and Sidewalk Improvements Project. I appreciate the confidence that the DOT and the DOB (Dept. of Business) had in us to move forward with this project," said Kyle Spottedhorse, president of Hammerstone Construction Group LLC, owned by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Development Corporation, an enterprise of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.



Executive Director of the Dept. of Transportation, Angela Blind-Plumley shares a history timeline of the Concho Road Improvement project with the audience.

Honoring Those Missing and Murdered

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

(CONCHO, OK) Families and friends gather to honor their loved ones who have gone missing or been murdered at the second annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) Ceremony and Parade in Concho, Okla.

Some holding giant signs with photos of their loved ones, while others showcase their loved ones' photos on the front of t-shirts. In a sea of differing hues of red, they



With Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana leading the way, many follow behind holding their MMIP posters at the MMIP Honor Parade in Concho, Okla.

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Annual High School / College Graduation Banquet



Some of the 2022 Cheyenne and Arapaho graduates who attended the annual graduation banquet on May 12 at the Watonga Lucky Star Casino & Convention Center in Watonga, Okla. (Photo / Adriel Clements)

All smiles and celebrations.

On May 12 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Higher Education office hosted the annual graduation banquet honoring high school and college graduates.

After two years of hosting this event as a drive thru celebration

due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was the first time since 2020 the event was held in person at the Watonga Lucky Star Casino & Convention Center in Watonga, Okla.

Both high school and college graduates were individually recognized throughout the evening.



Each graduate was recognized individually, receiving a certificate and a monetary incentive award for their graduation accomplishments. Pictured l-r: Gov. Reggie Wassana, Dominga Cruz, graduating with a Master of Public Administration/Public Policy from the University of Oklahoma, Lt. Gov. Gib Miles and Dept. of Education Executive Director Carrie Whitlow.



University of Oklahoma graduate, Kendrick Sweezy strolls up to be recognized at the annual graduation banquet. The banquet is hosted by the Dept. of Education’s Higher Ed office each year. (Photos by Ariel Clements)

Anti-CRT law leads to little change in K-12 education

By Faythe Miller, Gaylord News

Educators across Oklahoma were left trying to figure out the premise and purpose of House Bill 1775, adopted in 2021, which prompted six pages of emergency rules connected to an academic field known as Critical Race Theory.

Anthony Crawford, who teaches English at Millwood Public Schools in northeast Oklahoma City, said confusion and uncertainty were the chief reactions of Oklahoma educators. He said the law has not brought about any curriculum revisions in his district. “It really hasn’t changed,” Crawford said. “The thing about Oklahoman politicians is that they are not in our classrooms, they are not in our districts.”

What did change is the paperwork that the state’s 509 school districts must now complete attesting to the facts that they aren’t violating a state law about teaching a theory that’s discussed in graduate school.

Oklahoma was among 36 states that rushed to pass legislation banning the teaching of a theory that Fox News mentioned 1,300 times in a space of just four months a year ago.

“They like to claim it is a CRT bill, but we know that CRT does not exist in our P-12 school system,” said Katherine Bishop, president of the Oklahoma Education Association. CRT “is a master’s level course.”

“But what it does is it riles up their base,” she said.

CRT, according to Purdue University, attempts to demonstrate how racism continues

to be a pervasive component of the dominant society, and why persistent racism denies people many of the constitutional freedoms promised in the governing documents of the United States.

The Oklahoma State Board of Education in its six pages of rules directed that no teacher or administrator can make part of any course eight “discriminatory principles” including that one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex, that an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously.

The law has led to a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Oklahoma, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and pro bono counsel Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP on behalf of plaintiffs the Black Emergency Response Team (BERT); the University of Oklahoma Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (OU-AAUP); the Oklahoma State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP-OK); the American Indian Movement (AIM) Indian Territory on behalf of itself and its members who are public school students and teachers, a high school student, and two Oklahoma high school teachers.

“It seems like they are trying to rewrite history,” Crawford said. “It reminds me of the 1984 book by George Orwell, because in the book there was this portion of the book where they talked about people who rewrote



history.”

Megan Lambert, ACLU legal director, said laws like HB 1775 are detrimental to classroom teachers.

“It became clear that the combination of the extremely vague and convoluted language of the law, coupled with the racially charged language the legislators were using to discuss the law, meant that not only were teachers seeing official guidance restricting what they can say, teach and test in the classrooms, they were also out of fear self-censoring themselves,” Lambert said.

Problems arose in districts such as Edmond Public Schools, which faced controversy after ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ was removed from a reading list following passage of HB 1775. Some educators and ACLU members suspect it was a precautionary move based on the vague language of the law.

“I’d much rather have conversations about these sensitive topics, you know, while they’re still in my house, to read, or not to read them,” said Meredith Exline, a retired Edmond Public Schools board member. “I kind of explained to both my kids kind of what was hard for me to read in those books.”

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Following a calling into health care: One woman’s journey from military to serving her community in diabetes care

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

Growing up in and around the Cheyenne and Arapaho community in western Oklahoma, Carolyn Fletcher, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, found her calling to the health field when she saw the need for holistic care for people within her community. And while she knew she wanted to pursue the health field, she took a few detours before finding her place as a registered nurse at the Clinton Indian Health Services in Clinton, Okla.

Fletcher, with a welcoming and cheerful soul, said she had a very happy carefree life growing up. Originally born in Oklahoma City and raised in western Oklahoma, Fletcher was 5 years old when she moved to Arapaho and then eventually moved to Clinton, Okla., where she graduated high school.

“There were six of us kids, I was the youngest and I just grew up here in this community with our Cheyenne and Arapaho’s, my dad was Cheyenne and Arapaho full-blooded and my mom was Kiowa and Cherokee, so we grew up here ever since,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher said she was fortunate to have known her maternal grandmother, Ioleta McElhaney.

“She was married to Lou- is my grandfather and they were missionaries in Geary and Watonga so a lot of our Cheyenne and Arapaho people know them. I got to be with her growing up and she was gold. She taught me so much. She really is my only grandparent I got to be with,” Fletcher said.

After graduation, Fletcher went to college in Kansas and quickly found out it wasn’t the right time for school. Fletcher attended Central College in McPherson,

Kansas on a scholarship but found herself back home before finishing.

“I went to work and I kept thinking there’s got to be more to life than this,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) for a year to bring her grades up and then spontaneously decided to join the Army.

“The slogan back then was ‘be all you can be,’ and I kept hearing that on the radio and it kept bugging me,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher felt compelled to go down to the recruiting station in Clinton at 22 years old.

“I walked in and said ‘hey what can you tell me?’ and they looked at me like I was crazy,” Fletcher said.

Going into the Army, Fletcher was a medic and took care of soldiers on the field.

“I loved it, I learned so much, I took care of soldiers, took care of peers and then I got opportunities,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher worked at the Darnall Army and Community Hospital in Fort Hood, Texas, where she worked in the emergency room and critical care unit as well as in labor and delivery, where she saw lots of babies being born.

“It was just an amazing experience and then of course out in the field you’re the doctor, if you do a good job you earn the rank of doc, so you kind of have to be on your p’s and q’s and know what you’re doing in the military as a medic out in the field,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher was deployed to Bosnia, Herzegovina, in which she described as a challenging time. After being honorably discharged from the military, she was thankful to be back home with her family.



Carolyn Fletcher pursued her nursing degree in 2019 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

“My dad called me for Christmas and wanted me to come home, so I came home. I wanted to go to Hawaii and get a \$20,000 bonus, that’s what I was offered, but I came home, he was my heart,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher went home and spent two years with her father before his passing. She said she never regretted her decision to go home and believes that everything works out the way that it’s supposed to.

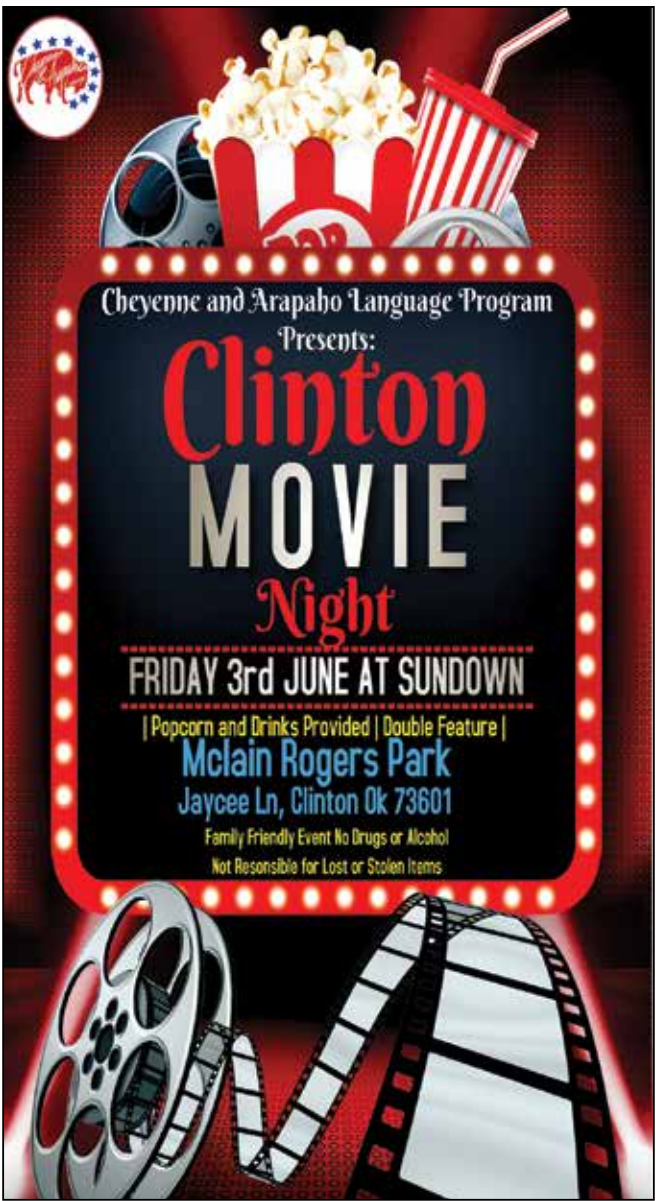
Fletcher stayed grounded in her hometown of Clinton after the military for a while and worked as a medic for Sinor Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes EMS. Moving to Denton, Texas, Fletcher attended the Texas Women’s University where she received

her Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree in 2007 and was accepted into the master’s program for occupational therapy.

“I always wanted to be an occupational therapist in our Indian Health Center here in Clinton because I wanted to work with kids with autism and people who had strokes and just the variety of people that need occupational therapy,” Fletcher said.

While Clinton still doesn’t have an occupational therapist, Fletcher said there were other plans in store for her. Fletcher made it to the last semester of her program and then she had a baby. In taking time off to be a new mother, Fletcher returned home to Oklahoma and was told by her school that her spot would be put on hold

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Cheyenne and Arapaho MMA Fighter to Represent Team USA at IMMAF Pan American Championship in Mexico

Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

Confident in demeanor and driven to make a lasting strike in the cage, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Fighter and Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen, Gabe Rednose, 24, prepares for his upcoming fight at the Pan American Championship where he will represent team USA.

The 2022 International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF) Pan American Championships will be held June 22-24 at the Gimnasio Nuevo León Independiente hotel in Monterrey, Mexico. The event will be Hosted by FAMME-JL (the Mexican Federation of Mixed Martial Arts) and provides an opportunity for Pan American athletes to compete at the international level.

Born and raised in Kingfisher, Okla., Rednose has been a light heavy weight and former heavy weight MMA fighter since 2018. Rednose made his debut fight at the Rage in the Cage Sixty-One (RITC61) event in Concho, Okla., where he won as heavyweight champion.

“2019 was my busiest year I think I had four or five fights

in 2019. I was almost to the point where I was fighting every weekend,” Rednose said.

Rednose ranks number one in Oklahoma and in the United States Southwest in both men’s heavyweight and light heavy-weight divisions. Rednose was selected to be the 205-pound light heavyweight fighter on the U.S. team, which includes eight candidates out of the U.S. that were chosen to be on the team.

“It’s one for each weight class. I think some weight classes have two different candidates, I know light heavyweight class and heavy weight which are the two biggest, there’s only one of us in each weight class going,” Rednose said.

In training for the championship, Rednose said he’s been in California training under UFC Veteran Joe Stevenson. The opportunity arose when Rednose’s fight in El Reno, Okla., got pulled and he received a short notice to fight in Dentonville, Ark., for the Northwest Fighting Alliance. Rednose earned his light heavyweight title against his undefeated opponent in Arkansas.

“I took that fight and I won in a minute and 30 seconds in round one and it just so happened one of the judges there was UFC Veteran Joe ‘Daddy’ Stevenson and he’s the actual head coach of the United States team,” Rednose said.

After his victory win at the Northwest Fighting Alliance, one thing led to another and Stevenson invited Rednose to his gym to train.

“He went ahead and pushed my name in for the candidate for the USA team and then it goes to the higher ups, Forrest Griffin, UFC hall of famer, he’s the director of this program and so it came down to him finalizing all the choosing of the candidates,” Rednose said.

Seeing how far he’s come in the MMA world where’s come to know the depths of punches, throw-downs and various maneuvers inside the cage, Rednose said he’s been competitive his whole life. Playing every sport there is to name, he focused mainly on football, wrestling and track in high school.

“I did the shot put and discus in track, I wrestled, wrestling was my favorite sport, I wrestled fifth grade and then I went to college on a wrestling scholarship to a little junior college in Colorado,” Rednose said.

It was soon after that Rednose realized he didn’t like school very much and then he returned home.

“I still had that hunger to compete” Rednose said.

Rednose had friends who were doing cage fighting and was always asking him to help with their groundwork such as wrestling.



Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen and MMA Fighter, Gabe Rednose will compete at the IMMAF Pan American Championship in the light heavyweight division. (Submitted photo)

“I always had that avenue to go towards but I never did until I came back out of college and still had the itch to compete, so I said why not I’ll try it out,” Rednose said.

Looking forward to putting his strategies to the ultimate test at the championship, Rednose has been working every day to get better. While there’s a lot of areas that he can perfect and get better at, grappling takes the hit as it is his strongest suit.

“Ninety-Five percent of the time I can get a hold of someone, there’s a good chance I can take them down and either submit them or get to where I can open my strikes up on the ground,” Rednose said.

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Gabe Rednose pictured with his girlfriend, Katelyn Heskett, and their two children, Parker, 2 and Riot, 1.

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march, they cry, they remember the many lives affected by the MMIP crisis. Families were bringing light to their loved ones who still missing or murdered.

Gathering at the Concho powwow grounds, many were at work decorating their vehicles for the parade, with the names and faces of their loved ones, making sure everyone knew who they were.

In welcoming all participants and attendees to the honor ceremony and parade, Theresa Faris, board member of the newly established Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes MMIIP Chapter, addressed the event’s message.

“We gathered here today in Concho to support our missing, murdered Indigenous persons to have a honor parade for them,” Faris said.

Faris said she also wanted to highlight the establishment of the MMIP chapter this year for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

“We want to honor all of our relatives and tribal members that have had someone lost due to this epidemic,” Faris said. Adding their stories should be shared because there usually isn’t enough media coverage and telling their stories is an important part of healing.

“We come together because of the continuous effects of the MMIP cases in our community, because of the dire need for advocacy for our tribal members and to support each other across tribes, across the nation and state,” Faris said.

In encouraging others to share their stories, Faris continued to share how the MMIP crisis continued to affect her and her family.

“Sometimes it takes years for us to be able to talk about what happened but please find the courage to share your story. I’m personally connected to this movement as my cousin, Vanessa Youngbear and unborn child, also two classmates, were all murdered by intimate partner violence,” Faris said.

Vanessa, a Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen, was described as beautiful, young and pregnant when she was murdered.

“That hurt will always be there, but you can learn to heal eventually and when you have a loved one taken tragically and unexpectedly it leaves a lasting effect on your family, it’s vital to stick together,” Faris said.

Many stood grasping posters of their loved ones and could empathize with Faris other stories involving MMIP cases were told. And their memories were brought back to life as friends and family members honored their loved ones.

The honor ceremony included traditional honor songs, a jingle dress healing dance special and remarks were made by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana.

“We’ve explored the fact that our missing and murdered indigenous people haven’t had the respect due because as Indian people, we always felt if something happened to one of our family members we weren’t one of those that were investigated or reviewed and our cases became set aside and became cold cases,” Gov. Wassana said.

Gov. Wassana acknowledged LaRenda Morgan, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governmental Affairs officer, in pushing



Many employees of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes participate in the MMIP Honor Parade, including Kelsey Condule, Tracey Hawk, Christina Alandzes and Stevie Ahhaitty. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

for Ida’s Law that went into effect Nov. 1, 2021. The new law created a liaison office for missing and murdered Indigenous persons cases within the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI).

“LaRenda always pushed that fact, we wrote letters, we’ve been trying to be involved at the nation’s capitol, Washington, D.C., we’ve always done our best to make sure that we honor, we remember and that our brothers and sisters are not forgotten,” Gov. Wassana said.

In addressing law makers and enforcers, Gov. Wassana said they need to understand that Native families and their feelings matter just as much as anybody else and that’s why it’s always important to keep these events alive.

“That we keep that hope, keep that alive, keep that interest and keep acknowledging the fact that some people in our families are missing or they have been murdered and they shouldn’t be set aside to be cold cases, that we actually do something about it,” Gov. Wassana said.

Following the ceremony, the parade marched on with attendees on foot holding their posters high and with purpose. Vehicles followed with floats attached and cars decorated symbolizing MMIP and the many lives of those who were taken too soon.

Kayla Reynolds, with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Food Pantry, was in attendance with her family at the MMIP parade honoring her loved one.

“My auntie went missing in March 2017, and so we’re just trying to bring her story out and her name to keep her story alive so we can bring her body back and give her a proper burial,” Kayla said.

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Kayla’s aunt, Tanya Begay, is Navajo and is from Gallup, N.M.

Jacqueline Reynolds, a relative of Begay, said when her cousin went missing in 2017 they put a report in with the Navajo Nation. Jacqueline said Begay was in a domestic violence case involving her boyfriend.

“We went through all kinds of different people from Arizona to New Mexico and her boyfriend was caught in Texas,” Jacqueline said.

The perpetrator confessed to killing four other people in Texas as well as his girlfriend, who Jacqueline said was her cousin Tanya.

“Right now he’s in jail in Texas and the FBI is questioning him and asking questions about her. We’re just waiting to find

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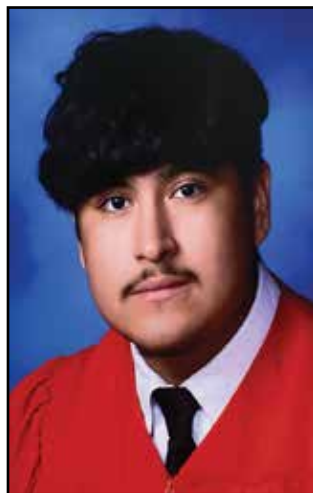
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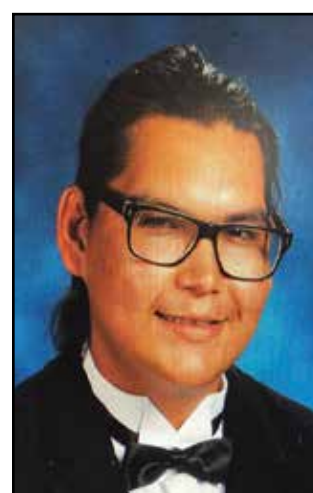
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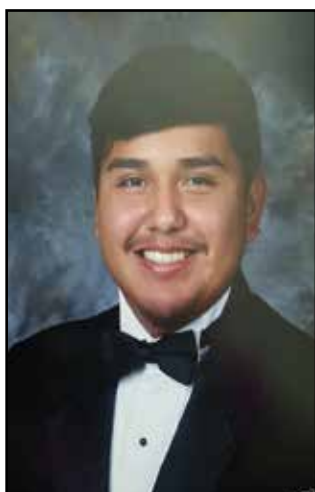
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Stella Marie Armstrong-Vaughn

Stella Marie Armstrong-Vaughan, 60, of Lawton, Okla. went to her heavenly home on May 15, 2022 at her home in Lawton with her loving family by her side. Stella lost her battle with cancer.

Stella was born in Lawton on Nov.19, 1961 to Frank Armstrong and Emma Redcorn.

Stella was of Cheyenne, Arapaho and Kiowa descent. She graduated from Anadarko High School and attended

Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla. She will be truly missed and was loved by many.

She is survived by four children, Lesley Vaughan, Brandi Vaughn, Jeremy Vaughan and Cory Vaughan, all of Lawton, 13 grandchildren, two sisters, one brother and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Michael Vaughan, parents Frank Armstrong and Emma Redcorn, four brothers and one



sister.

Visitation was held May 20 at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Melvin 'Sugar' Daniel Bates Sr.

Melvin "Sugar" Daniel Bates Sr. was born on Oct. 14, 1950 in Clinton, Okla. to Otis and Maggie (Geionety) Bates. He passed away on May 16, 2022 in Oklahoma City, at the age of 71.

Melvin worked as a butcher in Anadarko. He worked in law enforcement since 1980 working for Watonga, was police chief in Geary and Concho, and worked for the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes. He enjoyed playing pool. Melvin married Cynthia Upchego Bates and they had three sons. He later married Angelina Hungary and they had five daughters.

Survivors include his wife Angelina Bates of Geary, Okla., his children, Waylan Upchego and wife Nikole of Geary, Leslie Sugar Bates Sr. of Geary, Melvin Daniel Bates Jr. and wife Mari-

lyn of Watonga, Okla., Gari Lynnette Bates and husband Jordan of Geary, Jamie Leah Bates and George of Geary, Geneva Raynell Guzman of Oklahoma City, Deanna Gardipee of Oklahoma City and Angeline Odelia Bates of Geary. His grandchildren, Jaycie, Jacks, Randi, Brooklyn, Sonny and wife Chaley, Sugar Bear, Corey, Doxy, Jamie, Maggie, Micah, Lily, Leelan Nana and husband Cameron, Rylan, Isaac, Ally, Merivel, Vivi, Mr. Man, Emilio, DeAngelo, Kaylianne, Gionna, Dredon, his great grandchildren, Isabella, Olivia, McKayla, Sonny, Raven, Dani Michelle, Manny (Little Big Man), as well as nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Maggie Bates, his siblings, Donald Sr., Buddy Sr.,



Amos Jr., Oneta, Freddie and Oleta Twobabies, Aline Bates Shakespeare, Otis Bates Jr., Alice Bates, and Helen Bates Younger.

A traditional all night wake service was held May 19 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral service was held May 20 at the Geary First Baptist Church, with Rev. Waylon Upchego officiating, followed by an interment at the Geary Sunset Cemetery.

Douglas Campbell

Douglas Campbell, 84, of El Reno, OK, passed away May 21, 2022. born September 23, 1937 in Geary, OK to Bert (Eagle Bird) and Myra (White Buffalo) Campbell. He was one of the original members of the Star Hawk Society, He was also one of the original parents who first started the Graduation banquet for the Kingfisher graduates of high school. He was also one of the designing person for the Cheyenne and Arapaho emblem that is used today. Douglas also worked on the Aslaskan pipeline in the 1970's. He is survived by his

children, Myra Lynn Campbell, Douglas Hansford and wife, Sandra Campbell, Edwina Kay Campbell, Debra Yvonne Campbell: Sisters, Patricia Rowledge and Ella Morton; nephew, Charles Campbell, Jr.; 17 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; late wife, Helen Campbell; brother, Charles Campbell, Sr., nieces, Janet Sue Campbell and LeAnne Campbell; nephews, Vincent Paul Campbell, Frank Campbell and grandson, Christopher Dean Campbell, Sr.



An evening Vigil will be 7:00pm at the Concho Community Hall, Wednesday, May 25. Services will be at 1:00 pm, Thursday, May 26 at the Concho Community Hall with burial following at Concho Cemetery.

Edwina 'The Queen' Haag

Edwina "The Queen" Haag, 59, passed away on May 13, 2022, at Saint Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. She was born to Daniel Rogers Haag Sr. and Thelma Louise Meeks on Oct.17, 1962, at Saint Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Edwina is the direct descendant of "Big Tree" Ah-Do-Ette. She is also a descendant of CutNose, Iron-Shooter, and Elk Woman.

She was a health care worker for many years. Edwina enjoyed coloring, watching movies, spending time with friends and family, and going to church. Edwina loved to play bingo, but most importantly she loved all her animals.

She is survived by her

siblings, Oneida L. Falls of Tecumseh, Okla., Wesley D. Meeks of Shawnee, Okla., Harry A. Haag of Oklahoma City, Daniel R Haag Jr. of Oklahoma City, Andrew Haag of Oklahoma City, Roy S. Haag of Oklahoma City, Clarice F. Garza and husband Felipe C. Garza of Oklahoma City, Glenda Cooper-Haag of Norman, Okla. Special nieces and nephews; Sierra Cooper-Haag, Chad Cooper-Haag, Brendan Garza, Zakkery Garza, Felipe "PJ" Garza, Joshua Garza, Kassidy Garza, Nathan Harjo, Marla Flores, Sharla Horner, Ty Harjo and numerous others.

Edwina is preceded in death by her parents, Glorianne Haag, Wilma Meeks,



Enid Tiger, Calvin Meeks, and Bryan J. Haag.

Visitation was held May 19 at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Carnegie, Okla. A traditional all night wake service was held May 20 at the First Indian Baptist Church in Moore, Okla. Funeral service was held May 21, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Old Rainy Mountain Cemetery.

Kleo L. Coyote

Kleo L. Coyote, 40, passed away April 16, 2022. He was born Dec. 17, 1981.

Kleo was preceded in death by his grandfather Jimmie S. Coyote, nephew Jimmy Shopteese and uncle Lane Coyote. Survivors include his mother Louise Coyote, father Dennis Shopteese, siblings, Michael

Coyote, Nehemiah Shopteese, Katherine Coyote, Lindsey Coyote, and aunt Jackie Barnes. A memorial has been established in his name with the American Cancer Society.

A celebration of life was held May 21 at the Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas.



David Fanman III



David Fanman III was born on Dec. 15, 1989 to David Fanman Jr and Lorraine B. Fanman. He was born and raised in Fort Defiance, Ariz. To his family and those close to him he was known as "Beano."

Beano was born the day his late father retired from the USMC and from then on his dad raised him, while his mom was always working. His Cheyenne name is "Mahisvehonis" meaning the Chief Who Carries the Arrows First, he was named after his grandpa David "Gunsmoke" Fanman Sr. He is Under His Cover Clan and born for Cheyenne, his maternal grandfather is Bitter Water Clan, and his paternal grandfather is Cheyenne.

Beano attended Window Rock School District, where he was an advance placement student on the honor roll. He was a natural born athlete where he excelled in football and baseball, as well as off season he played basketball. Beano played varsity starting in his freshman year to his senior year of high school. He lettered in football as he played quarter back and lettered in baseball where he was a pitcher. He was invited to many camps from the state of Arizona to improve his skills for football and baseball. In school, he was the peer who volunteered to help fundraise for his class events and got his dad to be the football booster club president to raise money for the football team. Beano was smart in math and was known for his ability to do work in his head. Just like any Fanman that attended Window Rock, the teachers were excited to have him in class and being a help in the classroom. Beano volunteered on weekends to help his class officers to raise money for their class gifts. As a Fanman, he was known for his story telling, which was a distraction to his teachers to forget the time and that day him and his classmates got an extension on their assignments.

He was known by his peers for his humor, his contagious laughter, his kindness, his friendship, his big smile, and his towering height at Window Rock High School. His teacher Ms. Graham described him as "Your smile lit up a room. When you happen to walk in my classroom, you brought a kind sense of humor, a love for learning, and a fierce loyalty to your friends."

His best friend in school Kody Wauneka said, "I first met you in fourth grade; Miss McBee's class, you were my right-hand man. You were my brother on the gridiron and on the diamond.

Not only were you an amazing tight end and third baseman, you were blessed with God given talent ... you will never be forgotten, and I will always love you Beano... Boomer Sooner!"

After high school, he went on to Yavapai Community College, where he went to school for a year. Being in college is when Beano decided to join the brotherhood of the Few, the Proud, the Marines. He joined the Marines following the footsteps of his late father Beans. He just told his family one day, "I'll be back I have to see my recruiter," and that was the beginning of his journey becoming a United States Marine. He enlisted in the Marines May 7, 2012 and left May 6, 2016. The medals that he received were the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Certificate of Appreciation, and Expert Rifle Qualification Badge. He went to boot camp at MCRD San Diego, then to his specialty school in 29 Palms, Calif., and later was deployed to Kuwait for a year. His last duty assignment was with the 3rd Marine Wing Air Wing. He served in the communication squadron 38 Bravo Company Transmissions platoon, which he was an 0623 a tropospheric multichannel equipment operator. He was a satellite and radio operator.

After coming back from deployment, he was stationed at Miramar Air Station. He was honorably discharged from the Marines ranking as a corporal. Within the time he spent in the Marines, he wrote to his dad and family. Beano came from a military family from his grandfathers, his dad and he continued the tradition of being a military man. He carried himself as a Marine living up to the motto of Semper Fidelis.

He spent his time traveling across the U.S with the family jewelry business to different powwows and visiting family. He also played in the California pool league and was a sub player for Slopshot Billiards. He enjoyed his time in Monument Valley with his cousins planting the garden at Narrow Canyon. He loved to be in the red dirt herding sheep and riding horses, which he was able to ride bareback. Beano would spend his time making dream catchers and his 550 cord bracelets. He was a Marine Veteran who helped where he was needed to put up the flag or take it down. He would always help where he was needed for relatives because that was how his late father taught him to be. He always enjoyed the company of his nieces and nephews because he was a big kid at heart. Bean and Carlos spend a lot of time together playing video games and watching movies together. Beano and Carlos were brothers always joking together and protecting each other. Beano always gourd



danced when he came home to Oklahoma to be among his people. Whenever Beano saw a grandma or grandpa needing help in public, he would go out of his way to help them. He was a gentle giant who was always willing to help. He was always sharing stories of his time in the Marines from boot camp to when he was over in the hot Kuwait desert. Beano also loved to sing karaoke in the car to Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys or Lauren Hill while on the long travels. He would always tell jokes and always had a story to tell.

David came from a long line of chiefs from both paternal grandparents. From his paternal grandmother's side he is the grandson of Chief Redmoon and Chief Jacob Allrunner, the first known "Little Boy Chief" of the Cheyenne people. On his paternal grandfather's side he is a great-great-great grandson of Chief Tallbull, the last Chief of the Cheyenne Dog Soldiers. His paternal grandfather David Fanman Sr was selected by the Arapaho people to be their Chief. His late father David Fanman Jr was a Cheyenne Peace Chief. Beano was next in line to be the hereditary Cheyenne Chief, his relatives close to him awaited the day he accepted his seat to be Chief. He represented the Chief Society at dances and other social events when there were no Chiefs present.

David "Beano" Fanman III is survived by his mother Lorraine B. Fanman, his older sister Sarah M. Fanman and younger brother Carlos L. Gloria. He had a close Marine brother Hugo Aramando Gonzales Jr, who served next to him the entire time Beano was in the Marines, which created a strong brotherhood between them. He is survived by his aunts, uncles, cousins, various nieces, nephews and grandmas, who all loved him.

He is preceded in death by his father David "Beans" Fanman Jr, his maternal grandparents Seth T. Bigman Sr and Helen H. Bigman of Monument Valley, Utah, and his paternal grandparents David "Gunsmoke" Fanman Sr and Annie M. Fanman of Fonda, Okla., aunt Janice Fanman, uncles Malcom Fanman, Kingsley Fanman, James Fanman and cousin Russel Fanman.

A wake service was held May 18 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla. Funeral service was held May 19, at the same venue, officiated by Pastor Gerald Panana, followed by an interment at the Cantonment Cemetery in Canton, Okla.



Antoinette Lorraine Hawk

Antoinette Lorraine Hawk was born Aug. 25, 1966. She passed from this earth on April 24, 2022.

A memorial service was held May 26 at the Natie American United Methodist Church in Anaheim, Calif.

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Feeling dominate by utilizing his grappling in heavy weight, Rednose dropped down a weight class to light heavyweight when he lost 90 pounds. “I got healthy, I was no longer heavy weight and I dropped down to light heavy weight which is the 205-pound weight class and I really utilized my grappling there as well,” Rednose said.

“It was even more easier because they’re a lot lighter than the bigger guys I was competing against.”

In visiting various gyms, Rednose said lots of people have given him credit due to his grappling. “I just feel like in this game I can go a long way so I feel like I can really utilize that to my advantage,” Rednose said.

Whichever weight class Rednose is competing at, he’s confident enough to where if there’s a chance he can take his opponent to the ground and on their back, there’s a good chance that he’s going to do it.

Being away from his family to train, Rednose is living and breathing MMA as he trains 10 hours a day every Monday and Wednesday and up to eight hours a day on Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Fridays. “I’m doing anywhere from 10-15 classes of jujutsu, boxing, Muay Thai, MMA specific, one on one classes with my coach, footwork drills, strength and conditioning,” Rednose said.

The hardest part, Rednose said is being away from his girlfriend, Katelyn Heskett, and two children, Parker, 2, and Riot, 1.

“Coming out to California is a massive blessing to me, I’m training with one of the best MMA and jujutsu coaches on the planet, he’s extremely knowledgeable and I can’t thank him enough for allowing me and inviting me out to do this but it’s definitely hard being away from my kids and Katelynn,” Rednose said.

“My mind says just sacrifice now for a better life later.”

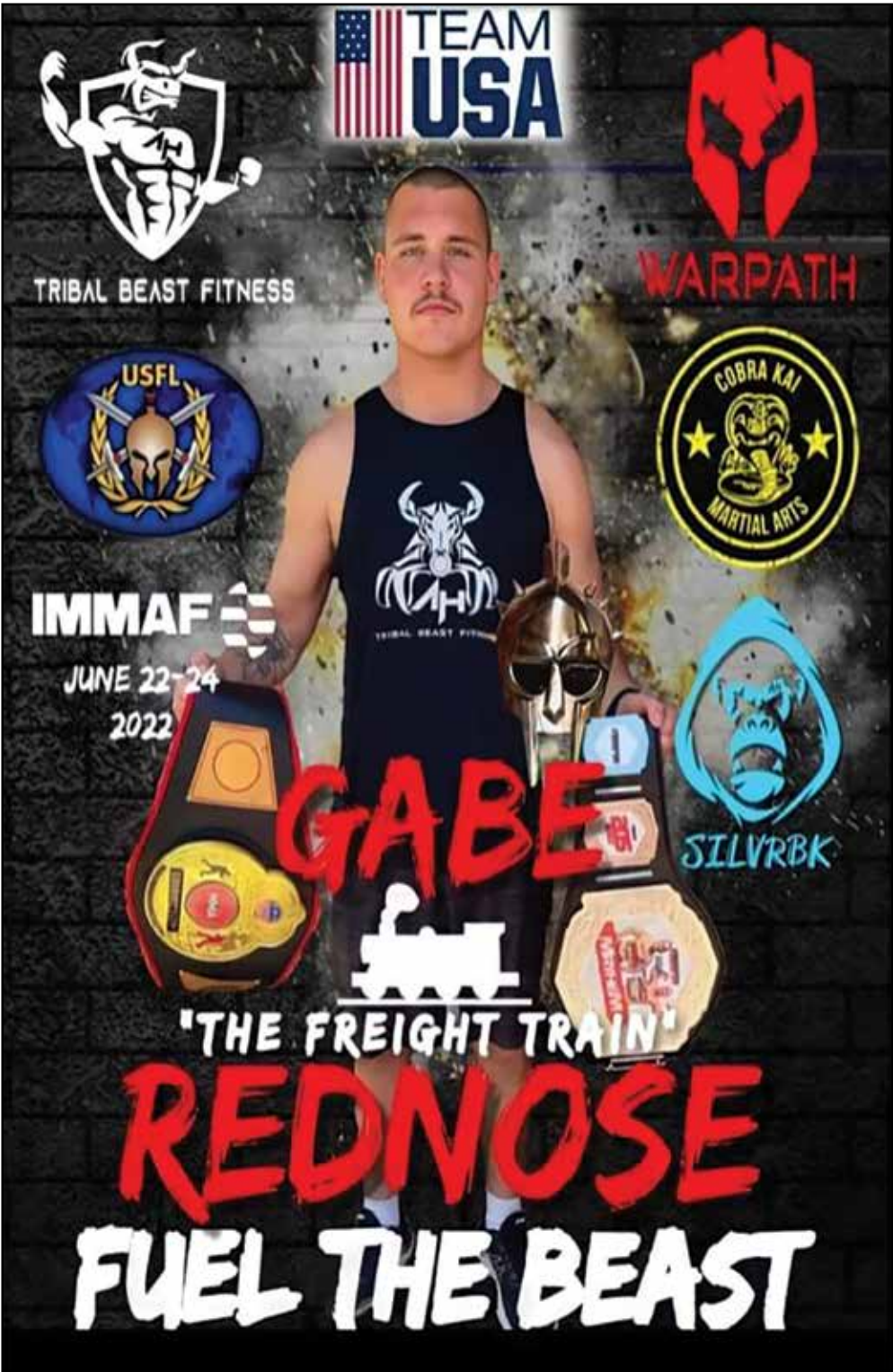
In his MMA journey, Rednose said overall, MMA has taught him how to be humble.

“MMA has taught me that you can come from any kind of background whether it’s good or bad and as soon as you step on the mat you can forget about all of those problems you have on the out-

side world,” Rednose said. With the championship approaching in June, Rednose said his goal and priority is to give his family a better life. And hopes one day to make it to a big show in the UFC Bellator.

“I’m just looking forward to going out there and performing to the best of my ability, whether I lose I just want everyone to know that I’m going to give them my all regardless, the best thing coming out of it would be something else I can add to my resume and help push my name out to those bigger shows that are going to be recruiting guys,” Rednose said.

With no official bracket in place, Rednose will face off against the number fighter in his bracket. Fighters from various countries will come face to face at the Pan American Championship, such as Argentina, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, St. Martin, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, United States of America and Venezuela.



OBITUARIES

Virgil Roger Surveyor

Virgil Roger Surveyor, 86, of El Reno passed away on May 8, 2022, in Oklahoma City. Virgil was born on Nov. 28, 1935 in Canton, Okla., to Wisdom and Anne Surveyor. He was one of seven kids.

He attended schools all over, but mainly in El Reno, Okla., and Denver, Colo. He joined the Army in 1958 and was honorably discharged in 1964.

He attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University where he met the love of his life, Valda. He married Valda Hendrick in May of 1967, and from that union came four children, Lorrie, Kevin, Darren, and Julia.

He became the principal at Canton High School in Okla., in 1982-83. He taught in Kansas with the, Kickapoo Tribe, Nebraska with the Winnebago Tribe, and Wisconsin with the Menominee Tribe.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wisdom Surveyor and Annie Sweet Med-

icine-Surveyor-Lefthand. His wife, Valda Surveyor. His daughter Lorrie Surveyor-Douglas. His sisters, Peggy Cook, Edith Rice. Brothers, David Surveyor, and Kenneth Surveyor. Half-brothers, Robert Theodore Lefthand and Francis Lefthand, and grandson Cheyenne Douglas. His nephews Charles and Robert Rice and niece Debbie Lynn.

He is survived by his children, Kevin Surveyor, Darren Surveyor, and Julia Sandoval. His sister Jorene Kathy Lefthand. His grandchildren, Erica Winters (Aaron), Eric Kenrick, Uriah Douglas, Destiny Surveyor, Tyler Surveyor, Joseph Hodges, Ian Douglas, Manuel Sandoval, Malaki and Joshua Jr. Nevaquaya. Step-grandchildren Betty Lynn Moore and Shawn Moore. Great-grandchildren, Malachi Johnson and Nevaeh Johnson. Step great-grandchildren, Oakley Alva (Luis), and Braxton Winters. Nephews (that he raised as his own children,)



Darrell and Roger Rice. Virgil, would say things daily like, “Finish your dreams or let them finish you.” “PMA-positive mental attitude.” “Forgive, forgive, forgive, relax take it easy.” “If you dream it God will bring it to pass.” “Go for your dreams.”

Virgil will forever be missed by all those who loved him dearly.

A wake service was held May 12 at the Wilson Funeral Home in El Reno, Okla. Funeral service was held May 13, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery in Concho, Okla.



Bruce Allen Webb

Bruce Allen Webb was born June 30, 1954 to Harvey Webb and Hazel Florence (Pitts) Webb in Clinton, Okla. He passed away April 19, 2022 in his home in Oklahoma City.

A graveside service was held May 17 at the Concho Indian Cemetery in Concho, Okla.

Leonard Ramirez

Leonard Ramirez was born Nov. 28, 1957. He passed from this earth on May 6, 2022.

A wake service was held May 24 at the Alma Funeral Home in Bakersfield, Calif. Funeral service was held May 25, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Historic Union Cemetery.



OBITUARIES

Frederick Lee Sweezy Jr.

Frederick Lee Sweezy Jr. was born on May 18, 1966, in Dallas, Texas to Frederick Lee Sr. and Wilma Jean (Lonelodge) Sweezy. He passed away on May 18, 2022 in Oklahoma City, at the age of 56.

Frederick ‘Buggy’ grew up in Greenfield, Okla. He attended boarding school in Concho before moving to Riverside Indian School to play basketball and football. He spent most of his adult life in Oklahoma City but always called Geary, Okla. his home. Frederick worked as a cook and as kitchen help at Lucky Star Casino. He loved watching and playing basketball, camping, fishing, going to

the casino and being with his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frederick Sr. and Wilma Sweezy, siblings Brenda Sweezy, Wanda Bird, Bob Sankey and Alfred Sweezy.

Survivors include his children Brenda Sweezy, Sunday Sweezy and Andre Birdshead, grandchildren, Aiden and Honey, siblings Carmen Sweezy of El Reno, Robert Sweezy of Oklahoma City, Anthony Sweezy of Lexington, Okla., and Sylvia Sweezy of Mustang, Okla., uncles, Steve and Gary Dawes, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

An all-night wake ser-



vice was held May 24 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral service was held May 25 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla., officiated by Rev. Waylon Upchego, followed by an interment at the Greenfield Indian Cemetery in Greenfield, Okla.

Oscar Davis Washa

Oscar Davis Washa was born Feb. 21, 1962 in Clinton, Okla. to Porfirio Dean and Clarabelle Bullbear (Silverhorn) Washa. He passed away May 20, 2022 in Clinton having reached the age of 60 years, two months and 29 days.

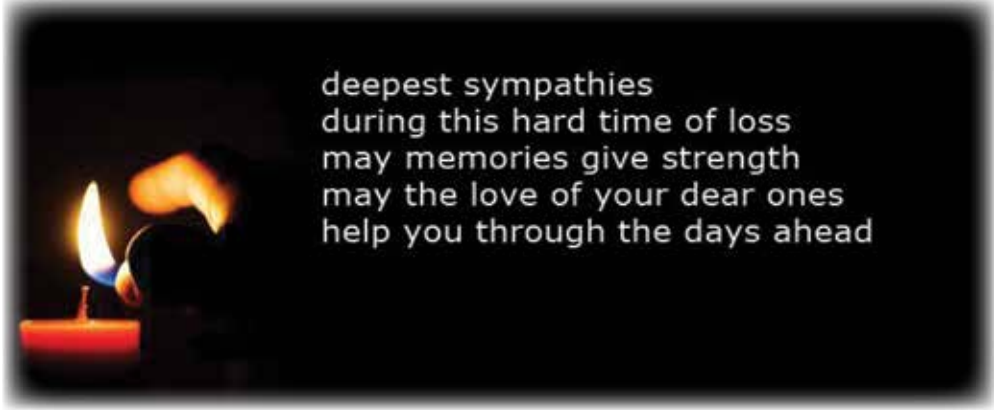
Oscar was raised north of Weatherford, in the Deer Creek community. Oscar was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, a member of the Native American Church, Weatherford Indian Baptist Church and an accomplished painter and artist. He loved painting, carving staffs, and spending time outdoors walking and

fishing. He also worked in construction as a roofer. Oscar also loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Oscar is survived by his daughter Kelly Kissee and husband James Hutson of Woodward, Okla., one brother Tallsun Washa Jr of Weatherford, two sisters, Rose Clayborn and husband, Mark of Apache, Okla, and Judy Sheridan and husband, Christian of Weatherford, and three grandchildren, Jakobe Brown, Jady Brown and Jozlynn Kissee. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson Andrew Brown.



Wake service was held May 25 at the Lockstone Funeral Chapel in Weatherford, Okla. Funeral service was held May 26 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla., followed by an interment at the Chief Black Short Nose Cemetery.



Clinic strives to reduce number of amputations

By Kimberly Burk, Tribal Tribune Contributor

Oklahoma is the only state where the annual number of amputations is still on the rise, according to physicians at the CardioVascular Health Clinic.

Clinic co-founder Dr. Jim Melton and co-workers Dr. Blake Parsons and Dr. Sherisa Warren are, “passionate about limb preservation,” Melton said.

Peripheral vascular disease, caused by the buildup of plaque inside the arteries, is a major cause of amputations, and the removal of limbs does not always have a good outcome. Half of patients who undergo amputation die within two years, most often from cardiovascular disease.

Eighty percent of people who have an amputation never saw a vascular specialist, according to the clinic, due in part to the nationwide shortage of vascular surgeons and lack of access by the rural population.

Warren, who grew up in southeast Kentucky in the Appalachian Mountains, said patients there drive as many as five hours to be treated by a vascular surgeon. Another problem, she said, is that “many people in rural areas don’t trust doctors.”

Warren completed a fellowship in general and endovascular surgery at the Arizona Heart Institute, where she worked with Native patients.

“People in the Navajo Nation can also drive four to

five hours for vascular care,” Warren said.

Parsons, Cherokee, who is a native of Dallas visits the Oklahoma City Indian Health Clinic two or three times a month to work with vascular patients. He said damage to blood vessels can be caused by smoking, genetic predisposition, diabetes and renal disease caused by diabetes or hypertension.

Native Americans have a genetic predisposition to diabetes, Parsons said, so it’s inaccurate to blame it solely on lifestyle choices.

“Diabetes is a silent killer,” Parsons said. “They don’t really notice the symptoms at first. They just think they are getting older. A lot of people are taught to be stoic, especially the men.”

People who have neuropathy from years of diabetes can step on something and not feel it, Parsons said, resulting in a wound that can become gangrenous in a few days. But gangrene does not always lead to amputation.

“We take the wounds very seriously,” Warren said.

“Even if someone is told they need an amputation, we have been their third and fourth opinion. We are here to help, and we’re here to help early. A high percentage of amputations are preventable,” Warren said.

Parsons specializes in interventional radiology, which involves accessing the small arteries in the ankle to perform treatments.

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until she returned in a year. When it got closer to getting ready to go back to Texas, Fletcher found herself not wanting to leave her mother or her son behind.

“I was kind of hurt and I was kind of not because I could be with my mom and you only have one,” Fletcher said.

And for the next 14 years, Fletcher and her son was with her mother, until she passed in 2021. Fletcher said she didn’t regret the time they got to spend with her mother when she chose to stay.

In the meantime, Fletcher started working for Clinton Indian Health Services from 2008 to 2012 working for the business office and doing registration.

“I just felt at home, I grew up in this IHS, so I did that and I took a break from IHS, I got an offer to go work for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing so I did that for about three years and then I was just called to go into nursing,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher said she knew she needed to be a nurse when her sister had become ill and they had to deal with wound care.

“I thought that’s what I want to do, I want to take care of people with diabetes and who better to serve than my own people,” Fletcher said.

Fletcher went back to SWOSU for two years and received her bachelor’s degree in nursing in 2019. Fletcher started at Clinton IHS and has been there ever since.

In deciding to pursue nursing, Fletcher said the doors were wide open as she had people to help her along



Pictured is Carolyn Fletcher with her father, the late Joseph Fletcher Sr.

the way as well as financial support from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

“They just take care of people and so I have been so blessed, I’ve never done anything where the doors didn’t open wide and you just go in and that’s how it’s been, even with my career at IHS it’s been that way. IHS helped me through school too but I did have to pay that back when I finished, but this is where my heart is because these are our people,” Fletcher said.

With the new diabetes clinic at the Clinton service unit, Fletcher works with people one on one to make diabetes manageable for them to live their best life. Fletcher said she tries to make it easy for them to understand.

“When you think about diabetes you think about all the things you ever heard and the misinformation, like no longer eating bread and you hear all these things and its’ very difficult for people to succeed when you’re telling them what they can’t do,” Fletcher said.

Working in the diabetes clinic, Fletcher said her job

is to make it easier for her patients to live with diabetes and that it doesn’t dictate their days.

“I feel like we’re just starting, I feel like it’s going to make a huge difference and I want us to make a difference in our small communities that are rural that people don’t have an opportunity to get to some fancy place for diabetes education, well we have it here for them,” Fletcher said.

With technology, Fletcher is able to telework, Facetime and communicate with people in smaller communities for increasing their quality of care and health.

“I think that’s what we can do to improve things, and I think our collaboration with the tribes to do that is going to continue to make a change,” Fletcher said.

Through networking, Fletcher has also been able to link people to resources and programs provided by the tribes, such as the Elder Care Program where Fletcher said she’s talked to Lori Penner, Elder Care Program director, many times. In knowing Fletcher since 2015, Penner described Fletcher as a per-

son with the biggest heart.

“She’s very willing to share information, anything that can help other people with this new program she’s doing with the diabetes, I think that’s amazing because she’s trying to get out there and help people so they’re not effected with life debilitating things such as amputation,” Penner said.

Penner has spoken to Fletcher on several occasions involving any questions or issues she had regarding IHS or a client.

“I talked with her to get her advice or her opinion on things, she really has a good heartfelt sense about her, she’s just amazing. I really feel she’s there to do the best job she can do for the people, she loves people, she loves her job and she is amazing,” Penner said.

Carolyn’s parents are the late Joseph Fletcher and Helene McElhaney Fletcher. Her paternal grandparents are the late Joseph Fletcher Sr., and Myrcine (North) Fletcher. Her maternal grandparents are the late Robert Louis McElhaney and Ioleta (Hunt) McElhaney.

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OKIE'S Win 3rd & 4th at Albuquerque

Cheyenne's Finest played on December 29th and 30th at SIPI in Albuquerque, N.M. The event was the 2nd Annual Albuquerque Warriors Holiday Classic All Indian Tournament. Cheyenne's Finest placed fourth in the competition, but an additional bonus was player Karen Wolf tongue winning "All Tourney" trophy. Darryl Flyingman's team won third place in the nation-wide competition.




Karen Wolf tongue, poses proudly with the "All Tourney" Trophy she was awarded during the 2nd Annual Albq. Warriors Holiday Classic All Indian Tournament.

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Excerpt from a Short story written by Vin Levi

I can feel them, the heat emanating from their bodies. They reach for me and I pull my feet up so they won’t get me. The sweat rolling off of my forehead and they can taste it like blood to a mosquito I can feel that they’re craving more. They want me to fall so they can devour and tear me apart. I can’t let that happen and I won’t let that happen. I’ve been down there pulling people by their legs and I’m never going back. What more can the sunlight

do to me that they haven’t already done? I climb and climb and my arms are tired but I can feel them under me, fingers sliding down my feet as my sweat helps me. Finally, I reach the manhole cover and with every ounce of strength I have left, I push until it opens and the light shines through. It burns, but the rest under me let out a huge cry as they fall to the bottom. I’ve done what only a handful has done before me. I made it.

Blast from the Past


Congratulations Ike!

Isaac Tsatoke is a 2022 graduate of Cherokee High School in Cherokee, North Carolina, where he has maintained Alpha Honor Roll status. Recently, he received a CHS 2022 Academic Excellence Award. His future plans are to obtain a Carpentry certificate to begin work immediately. Later, he plans to attend school in the dental field to become a dental hygienist. He moved to North Carolina when he was 12 years old after his mother unexpectedly passed away. He has been raised by both his aunt Amanda and uncle Kenneth Gould, whom has been a father figure in his life. He has a younger sister (Zaina) and brother (Wasose).



He is the son of the late Amy Gould, who would have been so proud! He is the grandson of Kathy Williams of Canton, Oklahoma and the late Rupert Gould. Maternal great grandparents are the late Kenneth and Ida (Nibbs) Williams. Maternal great, great grandparents are the late Arapaho Chief Bill Willams and Amanda (Hoof) Williams. Paternal great grandparents are the late Daisy (Gould) Green and Wilson Lime. We are so proud of you! Love your family

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1GTEK19097Z574773	2007	GMC	Sierra	\$500
8GTEK19J88Z143769	2008	GMC	Sierra	\$500
3GCEK13389G205103	2009	Chevy	Silverado	\$500
1D4GP25B06B742978	2006	Dodge	Caravan	\$300
1GAHG35U071230338	2007	Chevy	Van	\$100
1GBJK34528E153500	2008	Chevy	SK3	\$200
1D7HU18N185611027	2008	Dodge	Ram 1500	\$200
1FMCU02Z08KB93758	2008	Ford	Escape	\$300
108HN44H78B140172	2008	Dodge	Caravan	\$800
JW6EEP1E7YM000303	2000	Mitsubishi	FM617PSL	\$2,500
1FNDF70J8TVA17895	1996	Ford	F-70	\$300
1GJHG39R021121134	2002	GMC	Savana	\$300
1G1ZG57B18F277247	2008	Chevy	Malibu	\$1,500
1D7HA18NX5J530621	2005	Dodge	Ram	\$500
1GAHG35U261189693	2006	Chevy	Van	\$500
1GAHG34K81160224	2008	Chevy	Van	\$500
1GAHG39KX81169638	2008	Chevy	Van	\$500
2FAFP71V38X164791	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	\$800
2FAFP71V58X164792	2008	Ford	Crown Vic	\$800
1GNEC13Z35R253708	2005	Chevy	Tahoe	\$500
1GNFK03067R423212	2007	Chevy	Tahoe	\$1,000
2D4RN4DG3BR732514	2011	Dodge	Caravan	\$500
1FDWE3FS48DA04999	2011	Ford	E350 Bus	\$1,200
1FDWE3F55BDA05000	2011	Ford	E350 Bus	\$1,200
2D4RN4DG1BR732513	2011	Dodge	Caravan	\$500
1GDJG31U761184712	2006	GMC	051MS	\$1,200
1GDG31U261172032	2006	GMC	BUS	\$1,200
1GDHG31R2X1056535	1999	GMC	THOMAS	\$1,200
1GBJG631R821103490	2001	Chevy	Collins	\$1,200

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“We use X-rays and dyes to see where the blockages are,” Parsons said. “Then they will clean up those blockages, it takes about an hour and a half.”

Screening is important for avoiding amputations, Warren said.

“At the clinic we do a lot of screening, especially if they come in with leg pain or swelling or varicose veins. Anyone who has diabetes should have a vascular evaluation.”

The CardioVascular Health Clinic is based in Oklahoma City and has clinics across the state including in Yukon, Hinton, Cherokee, Weatherford and Woodward. The Oklahoma City clinic has about 100 employees who carry out screenings and treatment of cardiovascular patients, and about a third of those employees are Native.

Services include abdominal ultrasound, EKG, laboratory, nuclear stress testing, stress echo, renal artery ultrasound, echocardiogram and resistant hypertension. Conditions treated include abdominal aortic aneurysm, aortic stenosis, atrial flutter, carotid artery disease, chest pain, congenital heart disease, edema, enlarged heart, high blood pressure, leg pain



Dr. Blake Parsons



Dr. Sherisa Warren

and mitral valve prolapse.

The clinic has contracts with a number of Native healthcare facilities and Indian Health Service providers including the Clinton Indian Health Center.

Melton, a native of Anadarko, said the work “is very rewarding.”

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In The Matter of:)
TOMAS ORTIZ-MELENDZ)
Petitioner,) Case No. CIV-2022-0029
vs.)
ANESSA JEAN MADBULL)
Respondent.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ANESSA JEAN MADBULL
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 28th day of JUNE, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 11th day of May, 2022.

Lafreda Whitecrow, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter of:)
NOVA WASEIA-BAGGETT)
Case No. JFD-2020-0007
vs.)
JEFFERY BAGGETT)

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JEFFERY BAGGETT

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 17th day of JUNE, 2022, at 11:00 A.M., O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 20th day of May, 2022.

Debra P. Whitecrow, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

WEAR BLUE FOR
MEN ON
JUNE 17, 2022

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Health Education Program would like to remind everyone that June is Men's Health Month. We encourage men to talk with their doctor about making important healthy choices. Such as staying active, quitting smoking, keeping up with your regular checkups and taking care of their mental health.

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In The Matter of Guardianship of:)
M.D.C.)
J.C.C.J.R.) Case No. PG-2022-0011
Minor Children,)

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: NAOMI GRACE ARMSTRONG
JEREMY CLAY CYPHERS, SR.
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing for Show Cause in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes on the 17th day of June, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes this 23rd day of May, 2022.

Kendall Charley, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter of Guardianship of:)
J.J.T.C.)
O.R.C.) Case No. PG-2021-0042
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M.N.C.)
J.I.C.)
Minor Children,)

NOTICE OF HEARING
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: LINDA CARRERA
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing for Show Cause in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes on the 17th day of June, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes this 23rd day of May, 2022.

Kendall Charley, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

1878

By Dee Cordry, author of *Children of White Thunder* & *Tribal Tribune Contributor*

Sometimes, researching Cheyenne and Arapaho history leads to very unusual stories. Events in the year 1878 included good and bad outcomes for the Cheyenne and Arapaho, and a bizarre decision by agency officials that is almost impossible to believe.

A result of the 1874-1875 “Red River War” was the imprisonment of numerous Plains Indian warriors. The army described them as war criminals however they were never charged with a crime in a court of law. Beginning in 1875 they were held at the Fort Marion military prison in St. Augustine, Florida. A Cheyenne warrior, Grey Beard, was shot and killed during the trip to Florida. Other Cheyenne warriors died while in prison. According to some historians, the prisoners were treated as “tourist attractions” for the whites vacationing in St. Augustine. The prisoners of war were released in 1878. Some were sent to boarding schools and the remainder were returned to the Cheyenne and Arapaho non-treaty reservation in Indian Territory (Oklahoma).

The former prisoners of war arrived at Darlington on April 28, 1878 and met their cousins from the northern country who had been forcibly relocated to the southern reservation in 1877. It is reasonable to believe they all shared their stories of triumph and tragedy. They also dealt with the severe shortage of food and medical supplies. Dull Knife and Little Wolf were prepared to lead the Cheyenne back to their northern lands and fight the army if necessary. On Sept. 9, 1878, about 353 Cheyenne men, women, and children fled the southern reservation in what some historians call the “Dull Knife Raid” or the “Northern Exodus.”

Army troops engaged Cheyenne warriors in battle on September 13 at Turkey Springs (northwest Oklahoma) and on September 27 at Punished Woman’s Fork (western Kansas). The Cheyenne warriors defeated the US army in each of these battles. They continued to fight their way north across the Great Plains.

Incredibly, at the very same time, preparations were underway at Darlington to send a circus-like road show to the Sedgwick County Fair in Wichita, Kansas. The superintendent of the Indian mission schools, John Seger, led the group of Cheyenne and Arapaho men, women, and children. Despite the severe shortage of supplies on the reservation, Seger and Agent John D. Miles somehow found the means to transport and feed about 115 Cheyenne and Arapaho to entertain Wichita residents attending the county fair.

On Oct. 10, 1878, the *Wichita Eagle* newspaper reported: “The Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians made a large and unrivaled exhibit



A Group of Cheyenne and Arapaho, confined in Fort Marion. St. Augustine, Florida. (Photo: Robert N. Dennis collection, NYPL)

in Art Hall of Indian manufacture curiosities and relics.” The items on display included a “scalp shirt, the property of Grey Beard, who was killed by the soldiers en route to Florida” and a “war shield, the property of Medicine Water, who helped massacre the German family.” A photograph of the German girls was on display. The exhibition must have been humiliating. These Cheyenne and Arapaho were treated as a tourist attraction, like the prisoners of war during their imprisonment in Florida.

In 1878 the prisoners of war returned home to a reservation they now shared with their northern brethren. Everyone suffered from inadequate food and medical supplies. Dull Knife and Little Wolf chose to defy government officials and fight their way back to their northern lands. During these very important events, Seger and Miles made the incredibly bizarre decision to use agency resources to send Cheyenne and Arapaho men, women, and children to entertain Wichita residents at a county fair with an exhibit focused on scalp shirts and massacres.

These events of 1878 were a clear example of the huge difference between Indian culture and the intentions of US government officials.

SIGNING DAY



Tetona Woods-Blackowl (l) and Janae Black-Harmon (r) both signed their letters of intent to play basketball in the 2022-23 season for Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas..

Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Tetona Woods-Blackowl, a point guard, Janae Black-Harmon, post player and Paige Primeaux, center, are all graduating seniors from El Reno High School. They have committed to playing basketball at the college level for the upcoming 2022-23 season. Both Tetona and Janae committed



Paige Primeaux, surrounded by her family, signs her letter of intent to play basketball in the 2022-23 season with Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

to Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kansas, while Paige committed to Haskell’s Indian Nation’s University in Lawrence, Kansas. The El Reno Girls Basketball team ended the 2021-22 season 24-5.

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out where her remains are so we can have some closure, but he’s still not talking,” Jacqueline said.

Begay’s story is just one of many unsolved MMIP cases in the U.S. and families like Begay’s are actively seeking justice and closure for their loved ones.

“Murder is the third leading cause of Indigenous death so with Oklahoma being the 10th state with the highest leading Indigenous people crisis going on, I feel like everybody just overlooks us cause they think we got so much, not knowing the tragedy our people have been through,” Kayla said.

Kayla said her family still mourns the loss of their loved one and that events like the MMIP Honor Ceremony and Parade brings recognition to all the women.

“I think with our people, being resilient and strong is letting everybody know we’re here for everybody, we’re just a big community,” Kayla said.

The parade ended at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym down Black Kettle Drive in Concho, where an art contest for MMIP was held for ages 17 and under; and 18 and older categories.

Bringing the day’s events to an end, Sabrina Norris, part of the planning committee for the MMIP parade, said she was impressed with how the event



Ava Harrison, 10, and Cheyenne Harrison, 11, dance alongside Regina Youngbear in the jingle dress healing dance special.

turned out.

“I think the more people who find out about our parade, the more that they want to get together because they want to honor our loved ones and I think that’s a very important part in having this parade,” Norris said.

In bringing the community together for the event, Norris said it’s important to have a healing ceremony because “we’ve all lost somebody.”

“The most important thing is just remembering our loved ones and knowing that we have not ever forgotten them and just bringing them to light,” Norris said.

According to a report by the Congressional Research Service, in the United States (U.S.) and across other countries, Indigenous peoples, particularly women and girls, are disproportionately affected by violence. In the U.S., 84% of American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) women and 82% of AI/AN men experience violent victimizations in their lifetime. In the report, 3.6% of the missing persons included in the National Missing and Unidentified Person System were identified as AI/AN, which is approximately four times their percentage in the U.S. population.

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